SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—Government consider that the time has come when an enquiry may be made into the working of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation which has been in existence for 13 years. Action will now be taken to make such an enquiry.

28. Criminal breach of contract.

Mr. H. C. Westaway (Member, Central Travancore Planters' Association)was absent, and on his behalf, Mr. H.M. Knight said that the Central Travancore Planters' Association had addressed the Secretary of the Legislative Council, asking for the repeal of the ruling in Vol. 14 of the Travancore Law Reports, Appendix, page 32. The Association had also addressed the Darbar on the same subject, and the opinion of the Head Sirkar Vakil had been sent to them, in which the latter had pointed out that the ruling in Vol. 14 T. L. R. referred to prior payments, *i. e.*, payments made before the date of the agreement and therefore it did not apply to advances made on the date of the agreement and subsequent to it, and, after giving his reasons, the Head Sirkar Vakil had stated that no interference was necessary with the law on the subject. The case pending before the High Court, to which the Head Sirkar Vakil had referred, had been adjudicated upon and decided against the employer, *i. e.*, the Planter. The Court having ruled that only cash payments made at the time of making the contract could be recovered under the Breach of Contract Regulation, II of 1080, the Member said that subsequent advances made on account of the contract, as also advances made in provisions and stores, were not recoverable under the Regulation and the only remedy to recover such advances was by civil action, which was of no use to the Planters. The Member therefore prayed for the amendment of the law.

Dewan's reply.— The matter will be considered.

III. Forest, Cardamom &c.

29. That such of the lands in the Forest Reserves, as were useful for cultivation and where there were no trees, should be registered in the names of private individuals, in view to the better prosperity of the country and increased revenue to Government.

Mr. Ouseph Kuryayippu.—(Member, Muvattupuzha Taluk) stated that the chief imports of the State were rice and paddy, the reason being that the production of the State fell short of local requirements. Therefore he requested Government that such of the lands in the Forest Reserves as were useful for cultivation and where there were no trees, might be registered in the names of private individuals, in view to the better prosperity of the country and increased revenue to Government.

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